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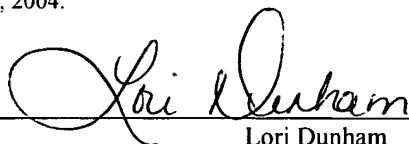
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Palmaz, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/707,685 EXAMINER: C. Miller  
FILING DATE: November 7, 2000 Group Art Unit: 3738  
TITLE: ENDOLUMINAL STENT, SELF-SUPPORTING ENDOLUMINAL GRAFT  
AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, and pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner dated June 29, 2004 (see July 2, 2004 Interview Summary), please amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**A substitute specification** is enclosed with a marked-up version indicating the changes.